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ASSEMBLY DEBATE - 2-12-1947.

THE ABORIGINAL TRIBES WELFARE ENQUIRY COMMITTEE REPORT.

*528 Q. - SRI T. VISWANATHAM (on behalf of Sri V.Raghavayya): Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state:--

(a) whether the Aboriginal Tribes Welfare ~~Enquiry~~ Enquiry Committee Report has been presented to the Government:

(b) whether the Government will place the same on the table of the House; and

(c) what steps the Government propose to take to implement the recommendations?

The Hon. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:-- "(a) Yes, the Government have received a report from the Secretary of the Committee on the work done by it.

"(b) The report which is now being printed will be offered for sale to the public. The Government do not consider it necessary to place it on the table of the House.

"(c) The Government will in due course consider the recommendations contained in the report and take necessary action".

Mr. SPEAKER:-- "With reference to the answer of the Hon. Minister, I think the rules are that Hon. Members should be supplied with such copies free".

The Hon. Sri B. GOPALA REDDI:-- "This is a priced publication, Sir".

Mr. SPEAKER:-- "With regard to the supply of official papers, the rule is this:

' Members of the Legislative Assembly will be supplied by the Superintendent, Government Press, free of cost and without application being made, with copies of the following publications:-

(a) proceedings of the Madras Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council with indexes thereto,

(b) all published reports of the various branches of the administration of the Madras Presidency, including the Presidency Administration Report, etc'."

The Hon. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:-- "Yes, Sir, all the administration reports are supplied. This is not a report of a Committee constituted by a resolution of the House".

MR. SPEAKER:-- "It is also stated that---

'Members will be supplied free of cost with any other official publications of the classes usually available to the public for which they may specially apply'."

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:-- "Yes, Sir, if they specially apply, they will be supplied."

Sri K.T.KOSALRAM:-- "May I know whether the Government asked the Committee to tour only the Andhra districts?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:-- "The Committee toured not only the Telugu districts but other districts also."

SRI B.S.MURTHI:-- "May I know why the Committee was abolished before the task for which it was appointed was over and why the Secretary was asked to send a report?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:-- "Because the Members were quarrelling among themselves."

SRI B.S.MURTHI:-- "May I know whether the President of the Committee addressed the Government asking for permission to tour other places also and since the Committee could not tour the other places, it was asked to be dissolved?"

The Hon. Sri B. GOPALA REDDI:-- "He made a representation to the Government after the Committee was dissolved. So the question does not arise.

M. MUHAMMAD ISMAIL SAHIB BAHADUR:-- "May I make a special request to the Hon. the Finance Minister or to whomsoever it may concern for the supply of copies of the report of this Tribes Welfare Enquiry Committee to the Members of the House?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:-- "Whoever is interested in the subject may specially apply for it".

(Several Hon. Members: 'All, all.')

SRI K.T.KOSALRAM:-- "Will the Government consider the advisability of constituting a separate committee to tour Tamil Nad and Kerala?"

The Hon. Sri B.GOPALA REDDI:-- "The Committee toured the district of Malabar. But as regards Tamil districts, we do not consider there is any necessity to appoint another committee".

SRI K. BOKKAI GOWDER:-- "Did the Committee tour the Nilgiris district to study the problem of the aboriginals in that district?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:-- "I think the Nilgiris is included in the Tamil Districts."

SRI A. VEDARATNAM PILLAI:- "Who are the Members of the Committee?"

The Hon. Sri B. GOPALA REDDI:-- "I have no information ready."

Sri KALLUR SUBBA RAO:-- "Are there any special aboriginal areas in Tamil Nad anywhere?"

The Hon. Sri B. GOPALA REDDI:-- "Not excluded or partially excluded areas as such, but there are areas inhabited by aboriginal tribes."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU:-- "Arising out of the answer given by the Finance Minister may I ask what action the Government will take if there is delay on the part of the officials in the supply of copies applied for?"

(No answer).

MAHBOOB ALI BAIG SAHIB BAHADUR:-- "The Finance Minister said that the Committee was dissolved on account of quarrel amongst the members. What is the nature of the quarrel, Sir?" (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:- "They met twice without transacting any business. I do not know the exact nature of quarrel".

SRI B.S.MURTHI:-- "Is it not a fact that twice they met and did not transact any business, because the Committee was not able to get a reply from the Premier to the letter addressed by the President of the Committee? Was not the Hon. Premier informed that thereafter no work would be transacted if no reply was received by the Committee?"

The HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:-- "An interim report was called for from the Committee before they undertook a tour in the Tamil districts. But the President addressed the Government and expected a reply from the Premier."

SRI R.V.SWAMINATHAN:-- "Who are the members who are actually responsible for the quarrel?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:- "I do not know, Sir".

SRI P. NATESAN:-- "Which department of Government appointed this Committee?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:-- "The previous Ministry appointed the committee. I think it was the Public (Political) Department. I am now in charge of the subject".

Public (Political-B) Department.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY QUESTION - Starred - Aboriginal Tribes Welfare Enquiry Committee - Report of.

Please see the L.A.Q. proposed to be asked by Sri V. Raghavayya, M.L.A. asking for information on the report of the now defunct Aboriginal Tribes Welfare Enquiry Committee. The three clauses of the question are examined below:-

Clause (a). - The report drawn up by Dr. A.Aiyappan on the work done by the Committee so long as it functioned has been received and sent to the Government Press for being printed. As it is a voluminous report running to more than 250 pages it will be sometime before printed copies are available.

Clause (b). - The scale on which papers are placed on the table of the House is 350 in the case of the Assembly and 155 in the case of the Council. As the report will probably run to more than 100 pages of printed matter in book-form, the purpose that will be served by placing 505 copies on the tables of the two houses will be negligible when compared with the cost of printing and publishing of the copies. The report will be a priced publication open to the public for sale. In the circumstances the reply to this clause may be in the negative.

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Clause (c) - The report will be examined only after printed copies are made available. It is in the Agency tracts that there is a preponderance of the aboriginal tribes. It is the Government's aim to do something tangible for the amelioration of the conditions of the Agency hillmen and as such the recommendations made by the Committee will no doubt will be examined in all their aspects. But the Government are not in anyway committed to implement all the recommendations made therein especially as the terms of reference given to the Committee were not specific in this respect.

A draft reply is submitted for approval.

No report was prepared and signed by the Committee as such, as the Committee was dissolved before it could prepare a report. The Secretary of the Committee has sent a report on the work done by the Committee before its dissolution. The answer to clause (a) may be:

"Yes, the Government have received a report from the Secretary of the Committee on the work done by it.

Sntd. K.R.M.

H.M.(Fin).
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The reply to the Legislative Assembly question has been despatched to the Legislature Secretariat. This may now be sent to the Personal Assistant to the Hon'ble Minister for Finance, for the use of the Hon'ble Minister while answering the question in the Assembly.

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The L.A. question has been answered ~~by~~ today.

Before recording these papers, copies of the ~~papers~~ printed proceedings of the Assembly, which will have to be added to the file, may be awaited.

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The extract from the printed proceedings is at pp.7-8 c.f. As regards 'A' and 'B' in it, it may be stated that the report is still in the press and the proof of the report even has not been received yet for scrutiny. It will therefore be some time before copies are offered to the public by the Press. No action is called for with reference to any of the answers. This may be recorded for facility of future reference.

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